presence of the retired Dewan, Dewan Bahadur V. S. Subramoniya Aiyar and Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai when he was representing Tiruvalla taluk as a member of the last Assembly. Is the honourable member aware of the fact ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : That is not found in official records.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker : May I know whether the fact that a dispensary is being run there could be known from paper reports even now ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : The Government are not aware of any such reports.

President : What is the point ?

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker : There is already a hospital working in Tiruvalla even at this time. It is really a wonder that the Department has not known about the matter. Even though the hospital actually exists there at present moment the Government do not seem to be aware of that fact.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : The department has no information about this particular matter. I may inform the House that the report speaks about the existence of four hospitals in the State and the Government are aware of that. So much alone is available in the Government records.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker : Could not the matter be ascertained by Government ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : Probably the honourable member is referring to some hospital which is not exactly in that place.

President : The matter will be ascertained.

Forest land leased out for food production.

33. ***Mr. P. Gopalan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the whole area of Forest land leased out for food production cultivation in 1118, has been cultivated ; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar (*Conservator of Forests*) : (a) No.

(*b*) Introduction of State—wide rationing and consequent fall in the demand for paddy.

Mr. P. Gopalan : രാജ്യത്തേക്ക് ആവശ്യമുള്ള നെല്ല് എവിടെയും സുലഭമായി കിട്ടുന്നുവെന്നാണോ പറയുന്നത്?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar : സുലഭമല്ല, ആവശ്യമുള്ളിടത്തോളം കിട്ടുന്നുണ്ട്.

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Mr. Revi Varma Valia Raja (*Edavaka*) : സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ ലേലം ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കുന്നതിനുമുൻപ് ആ സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ നെൽകൃഷിക്കു കൊള്ളാവുന്നവയാണോ എന്നു വിദഗ്ദ്ധന്മാരോട് ആലോചിച്ചതിന്റെശേഷമാണോ പതിച്ചുകൊടുത്തത് ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar : അതെ.

Mr. Revi Varma Valia Raja : കൃഷിക്കു വളരെ നഷ്ടം ഉണ്ടെന്ന് അറിയാമോ ? അങ്ങനെ പാട്ടക്കാരിൽനിന്നും റിപ്പോർട്ടു കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar : റിപ്പോർട്ടു വന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Mr. Revi Varma Valia Raja: അതിനു ഗവണ്മെൻറ് എന്തെങ്കിലും പരിഹാരം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar : ഗവണ്മെൻറ് അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുന്നുണ്ട്.

Mr. K. S. Joseph (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla cum Pattanamtitta*) : May I know why the rest of the area was not cultivated ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar : There are reasons for that.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : What are they ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar : One reason why the rest of the area was not cultivated has already been given on the floor of this House. The second reason is due to the difficulty in getting labour. Thirdly, on account of the prevalence of *high* wages, cultivation could not be proceeded with. Fourthly, there is some trouble caused on account of wild animals.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : May I know whether any representation has come to Government from the cultivators for whom the area has been leased out about these difficulties ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar : Yes, they have represented to Government about their difficulties in respect of cultivation.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : May I know what they are and in what manner Government propose to remedy them ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar : Government tried to help them against wild animals by proscribing such rogue elephants which are a pest to cultivation.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know whether there is any condition in the lease deed stating that the lands when they remain uncultivated till a certain period will be taken hold of by Government

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Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar : Yes.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : Have the cultivators ever suggested that the disturbance of wild animals is more frequent in the smaller areas here and there parcelled out to them than in the bigger areas?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar : But those areas were selected by the people themselves and I do not see any reason why the people should now complain in the matter.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether there is any instance of any land having been taken back for non-cultivation of that area?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar: No, Sir, but the matter is under consideration.

Salt.

34. * **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that salt is not available for the retail merchants and the consumers at the controlled prices ;

(*b*) whether they have received any representation from the merchants to that effect ; and

(*c*) whether they have taken any action on that representation?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : Am I to understand from the answer that the Assistant Commissioners have not received any complaints in the matter?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : The reply is that no complaint has been brought to my notice.

VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

President : I hope the honourable members are aware of the rules relating to the voting on demands for grants. I find that 13 honourable members have given their names for speaking on the Excise Demand. Only one hour is allowed for the discussion of the Demand and that fact has to be borne in mind. About ten minutes has to be given to the official member to reply to the suggestions made on the floor of this House and the rest of the fifty minutes has to be divided for the speeches of the honourable members. If I am to give time for these 13 members each member could get only some 3 to 4 minutes. This is a matter which really cannot be dealt with in such a manner and therefore the only satisfactory way of dealing with this question will be this. I shall very strictly enforce the time limit of ten minutes for every official member in the matter of reply. I shall also allow the maximum time limit of 10 minutes for the speech of

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